Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. **ESNZ 2 00028 US**

CFR 1.5) **CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. **22 OCTOBER 2003 23 OCTOBER 2002** PCT/US03/33240 TITLE OF INVENTION **SMART DECUBITUS MAT** APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US **Edward T. SCHNEIDER** Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT 10. Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, PTO Form 1449 and References (if required). 11. 🗹 An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. A preliminary amendment. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. A substitute specification. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

20.

Other items or information:

Page 1 of 2

"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number <u>EV494957859US</u> Date of Deposit: APRIL 13, 2005 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop: PCT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

By: Hilary M. McNULTY

JC12 Rec'd PCT/PTC 1 3 APR 2005

PTO-1390 (Rev. 02-2005)
Approved for use through 3/31/2007. OMB 0651-0021
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

10/5 31 202 PCT/US03/33240				ESNZ 2 00028 US	
. The followi	ing fees have been submitted			CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. Sasic national fee\$300				\$ 300.00	
22. Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)				\$ 200.00	
23. Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority				\$ 400.00	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				\$ 900.00	
Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets		nch additional 50 or fraction d up to a whole number)	RATE	·	
- 100 =	/50 =		x \$250	\$ 0.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	
Total claims	23 - 20 =	3	x \$ 50	\$ 150.00	
Independent claims	2 -3=		× \$200	\$ 0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPEN	DENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)	•	+ \$360	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,050.00	
Applicant claims	s small entity status. See 37 Cl	FR 1.27. Fees above are reduced	ced by 1/2.		
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 525.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 525.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 565.00	
				Amount to be	\$
				refunded: Amount to be charged:	\$
a. A check in the amount of \$ 565.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. Please charge my Deposit Account No in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
d. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
	opropriate time limit under 3 ore the International Applica	7 CFR 1.495 has not been me	t, a petition to revive	(37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)	must be filed
SEND ALL CORRES		6/			
Thomas E. KOCOVSKY, Jr., Esq. SIGNATURE				ed 50CM	
FAY, SHARPE, FAGAN, MINNICH & McKEE, LLP Thomas E. KOCOVSKY, Jr., ESq. Thomas E. KOCOVSKY, Jr., ESq. Thomas E. KOCOVSKY, Jr., ESq.				DONERY IS	/)/
1100 Superior Avenue, Seventh Floor NAME				Jourski, Jr.	
Cleveland, OH 44114-2518 US 28,383					:
(216) 861-5582 (tel) / (216) 241-1666 (fax) REGISTRATIO				ON NUMBER	

FAY, SHARPE, FAGAN, MINNICH & MCKEE, LLP

PATENT TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAW

HOO SUPERIOR AVENUE

SEVENTH FLOOR

MARK E. BANDY
JOSEPH D. DREHER
CHRISTOPHER B. FAGAN
JUDE A. FRY
STEVEN M. HAAB
MICHAEL E. HUDZINSKI
RICHARD M. KLEIN
THOMAS E. KOCOVSKY, JR.
SANDRA M. KOENIG
SCOTT A. MCCOLLISTER
JAMES W. MCKEE
JAY F. MOLDOVANYI

PHILIP J. MOY, JR.
TIMOTHY E. NAUMAN
PATRICK R. ROCHE
MARK S. SVAT
BRIAN E. TURUNG
ROBERT V. VICKERS

OF COUNSEL

E. KENT DANIELS, JR.
RIGHARD J. MINNICH
THOMAS E. YOUNG

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44114-2579

TELEPHONE (216) 861-5582

FAX (216) 241-1666

WEB: www.faysharpe.com

ALAN C. BRANDT
JOHN P. CORNELY
MATTHEW P. DUGAN
PATRICK D. FLOYD
COLLEEN FLYNN GOSS
KARL W. HAUBER
ERIK J. OVERBERGER
SUE ELLEM PHILLIPS
JAMES E. SCARBROUGH
ROBERT A. SIDOTI
ANN M. SKERRY, PH.D.
SCOTT M. SLABY

GREGORY S. VICKERS JOSEPH E. WATERS JONATHAN A. WITHROW JOHN S. ZANGHI

REGISTERED PATENT AGENTS
ROSERT M. SIEG, PH.D.
THOMAS TILLANDER
GUOSHENG WANG, PH.D.
JEFFREY N. ZAHN
MARINA V. ZALEVSKY

ALBERT P. SHARPE, III

EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE Erhardtstrasse 27 D-80298 Munich GERMANY Writer's Ext: 122 e-mail: TKocovsky@faysharpe.com

8 November 2004

VIA FACSIMILE 011 +49 89 2399 4465

Re:

Response to Written Opinion in

International (PCT) Application of TCAM TECHNOLOGIES, et al.

For: SMART DECUBITUS MAT

Inventor: SCHNEIDER

Appln. No. PCT/US03/33240; Filed October 22, 2003

Priority US 60/420,724; Filed October 23, 2002

Our Reference: ESNZ 2 00028 PCT

Dear Sirs:

The applicants have reviewed the Written Opinion of 09 August 2004. The applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for the indication of patentable subject matter in dependent claims 3 and 18.

The applicants enclose substitute sheets which amend claim 1 to include the subject matter of claims 2-3, and which amend claim 17 to include the subject matter of claim 18. The claims have also been renumbered appropriately.

The applicants also include substitute pages 3 and 4 which amend the "Summary of the Invention" portion of the application to parallel amended claims 1 and 17 (now claim 15).

EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE Page 2

8 November 2004

An early indication that all claims are novel, set forth an inventive step, and are industrially useful is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

FAY, SHARPE, FAGAN, MINNICH & MCKEE, LLP

Date

Thomas E. Kocovsky, Jr

US Reg. No. 28,383 1100 Superior Avenue

Seventh Floor

Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2518

216/861-5582

Agent for Applicant TCAM TECHNOLOGIES, et al.

Enclosures (x3) w/Confirmation via DHL Courier